provide standby aircraft capacity and to send aircraft for maintenance according to schedule Indian Airlines has reduced the frequencies of its services on some sectors effective 1st August, 1992.

(c) According to guidelines for air taxi operations the operators are at liberty to serve any sector where there is demand for air services.

(d) Consequent to reduction in seating capacity the net loss declined to Rs. 5.95 crores in August, 1992 as compared to Rs. 14.69 crores in July, 1992 since the load and seat factors improved resulting in improved financial performance of Indian Airlines.

Expansion of Airport at Vijayawada, Tirupati and Visakhapatnam

23. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any fresh proposal to expand the airports at Vijayawada, Tirupati and Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating their present stage; and

(c) what are the seasons for undue delay in implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The airport at Visakhapatnam belongs to Indian Navy, National Airports Authority (NAA) has no proposal to develop it. As far as Vijayawada is concerned, NAA is unable to take up the development owing to financial constraints. In the case of Tirupati, the development project would be taken up by NAA after the ongoing discussions with the Tirupati Tirumala Devasthanam on their financial participation are completed.

Development of Buddhist centre in Andhra Pradesh with Japanese aid

24. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include the Buddhist centres in Andhra Pradesh for development under Japanese aid/loan scheme;

(b) if so, what is the stage of its consideration; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not including them under such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Government has to prepare a project proposal for consideration.

Pending proposals for development of tourism in Andhra Pradesh

25. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals that are pending with Central Government from Andhra Pradesh for developing tourism in that State; and

(b) what are the details of their progress?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Fourteen proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh have been received, only in November 1992, for developing tourism in the State.

Expenditure incurred on airlines

26. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on various airlines every year during the past three years and what is